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MASKED PICKETS—Members of the Iranian Students Assn., wearing skull masks, picket at Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Va. They were protesting the upcoming visit by the Shah on Tuesday.

Iran Students Picket CIA's Headquarters

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About 60 Iranian students wearing cardboard masks depicting skulls picketed Central Intelligence Agency headquarters in Langley for an hour and a half yesterday, two days before a visit to the White House by the Shah of Iran.

A spokesman for the pickets said they were members of the Iranian Students Association proteting what they claimed was CIA involvement in the coup by the Shah's supporters that toppled then-premier Mohammed Mossadegh on Aug. 19, 1953.

Khosro Kalantari, president of the Association that is meeting in a four-day convention here, said the masks were worn to protect the pickets from indentification.

A CIA official contacted at home said he was aware of the group's presence, and said "I wonder why they picked Sunday? We're closed; there's no one working out there."

The pickets paraded along the two-block roadway between Rte. 123 and the gates of the CIA compound carrying signs, one reading "Shah, Installed by CIA." Fairfax County Police at the scene reported no disturbance.

The Shah is scheduled to arrive in Washington Tuesday for a three-day informal visit. The President and Mrs. Johnson hav planned a dinner at the Wite House that night.

Kalantari, a graduate student at San Francisco State College, said the Iranian students also are planning to demonstrate against the Shah in front of the Wite House about 4 p.m. Tuesday following a march from Dupont Circle, set to begin at 3 p.m.

The pickets chartered a D.C. Transit bus to CIA headquarters from the Roger Smith Hotel, site of their cnventon. They paraded from 2 to 3:30 p.m.